

Great Start to Quality

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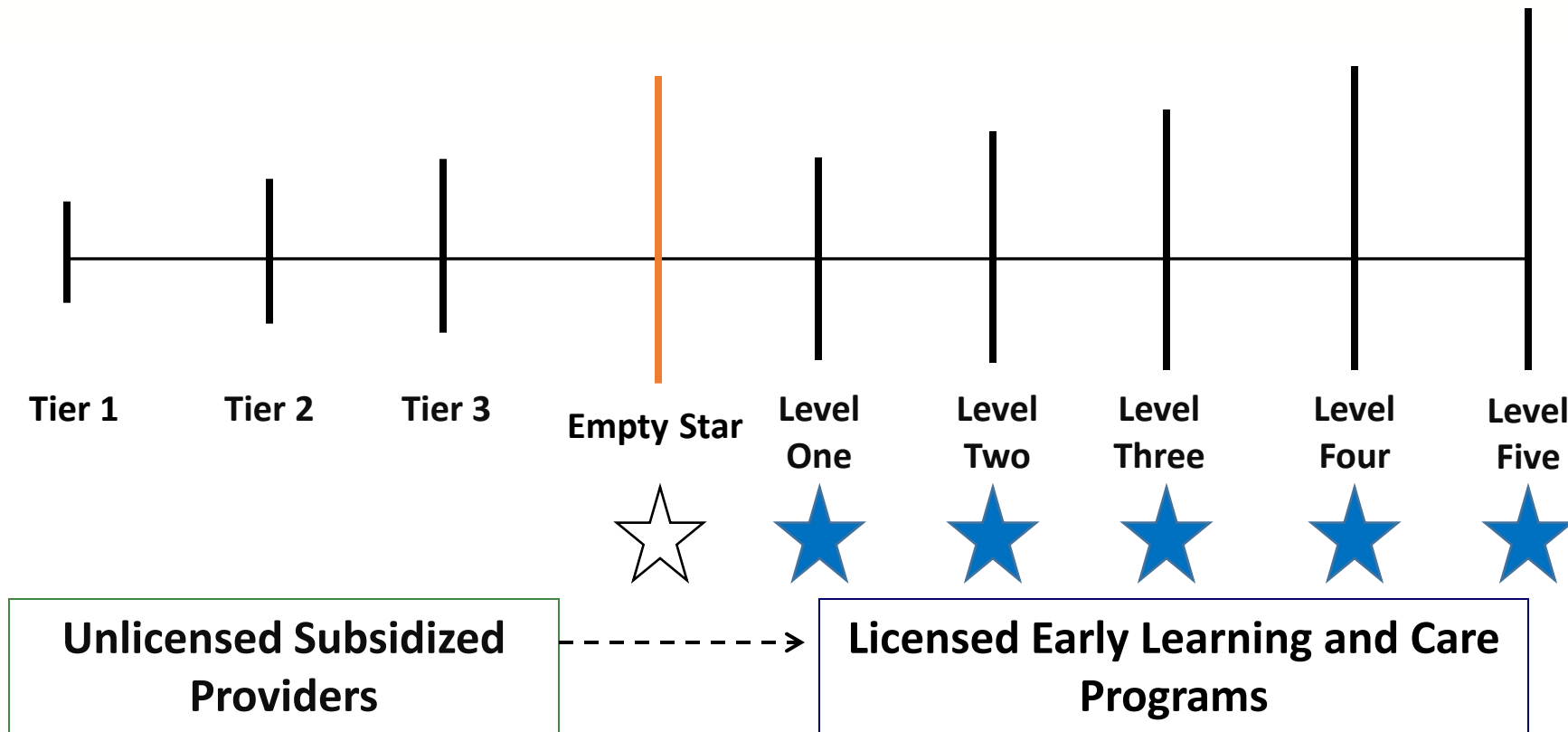
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- Michigan's Quality Rating and Improvement System for Early Learning Programs
 - Led by Michigan Department of Education, Office of Great Start
 - Implemented by the Early Childhood Investment Corporation
 - Funded by the state's federal Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) block grant and an additional state appropriation

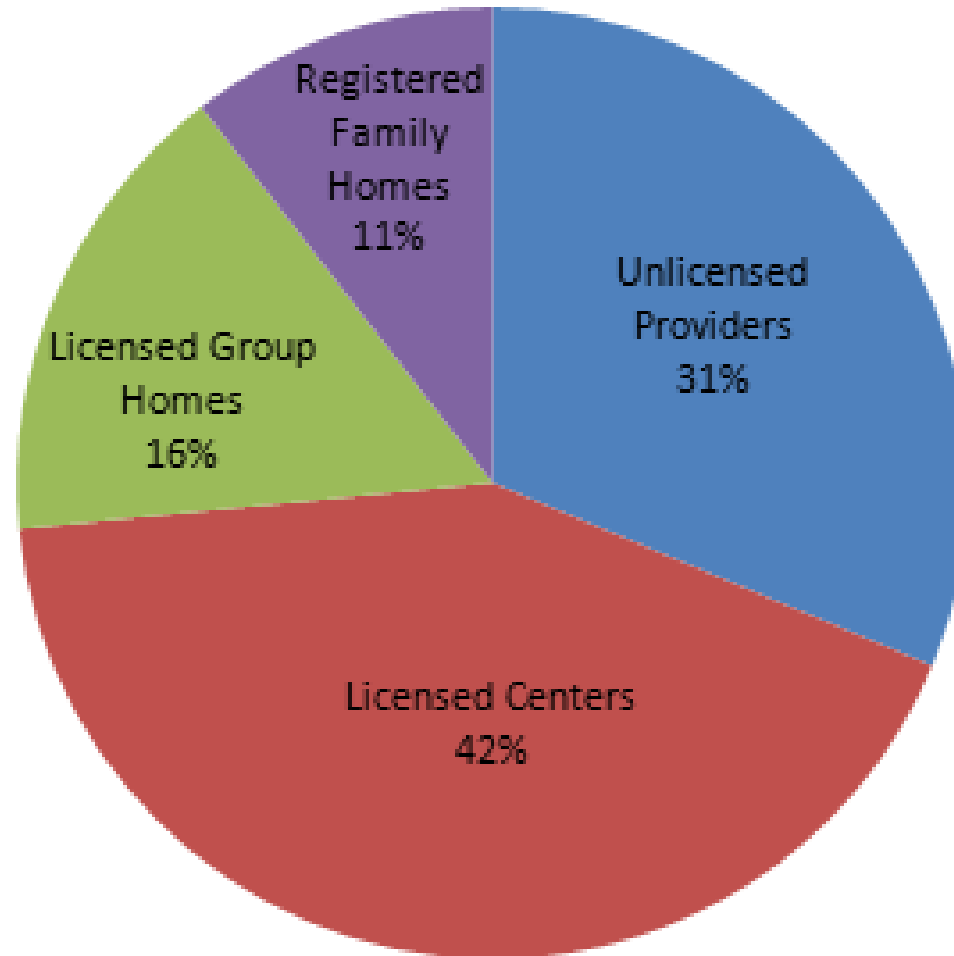
History and Purpose

- Launched in the fall of 2011
- Re-launched in June 2013 – Version 2.0
- Rates the quality of participating early learning programs using a common set of standards
- Designed to increase the quality of early learning and care provided in all early learning programs
- Helps parents find the best early learning program for their child(ren)

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Child Care Settings for CDC Children



Participation Data

- *Great Start to Quality STARS data is point in time and reflects program participation levels as of 5-1-14*

Program Type	Total number of programs statewide*	Empty Star	1 Star	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star
Child Care & Preschool Centers	4296	3039	7	20	265	870	95
Group Child Care Homes	2013	1877	12	27	61	19	17
Family Child Care Homes	3937	3798	21	28	62	15	13
Total Programs Per Star Level:	10,246*	8,714	40	75	388	904	125
Metric Total:						1,417	

** Includes programs/providers that are eligible to participate in Great Start to Quality, does not include programs/providers that provide school age services only or those programs not in good standing with licensing. Total published ratings include programs that have chosen to decline validation or PQA and are posting as an Empty Star.*

Five Common Elements

Tiered Program
Standards

Great Start to Quality Program Standards

Monitoring

Great Start to Quality STARS , Assessment Specialists,
Program Quality Assessment®

Quality Supports

Resource Centers, Workforce Development, Quality
Improvement Resources, *Great Start to Quality* Orientation,
T.E.A.C.H., Quality Improvement Consultants

Ratings are
Public

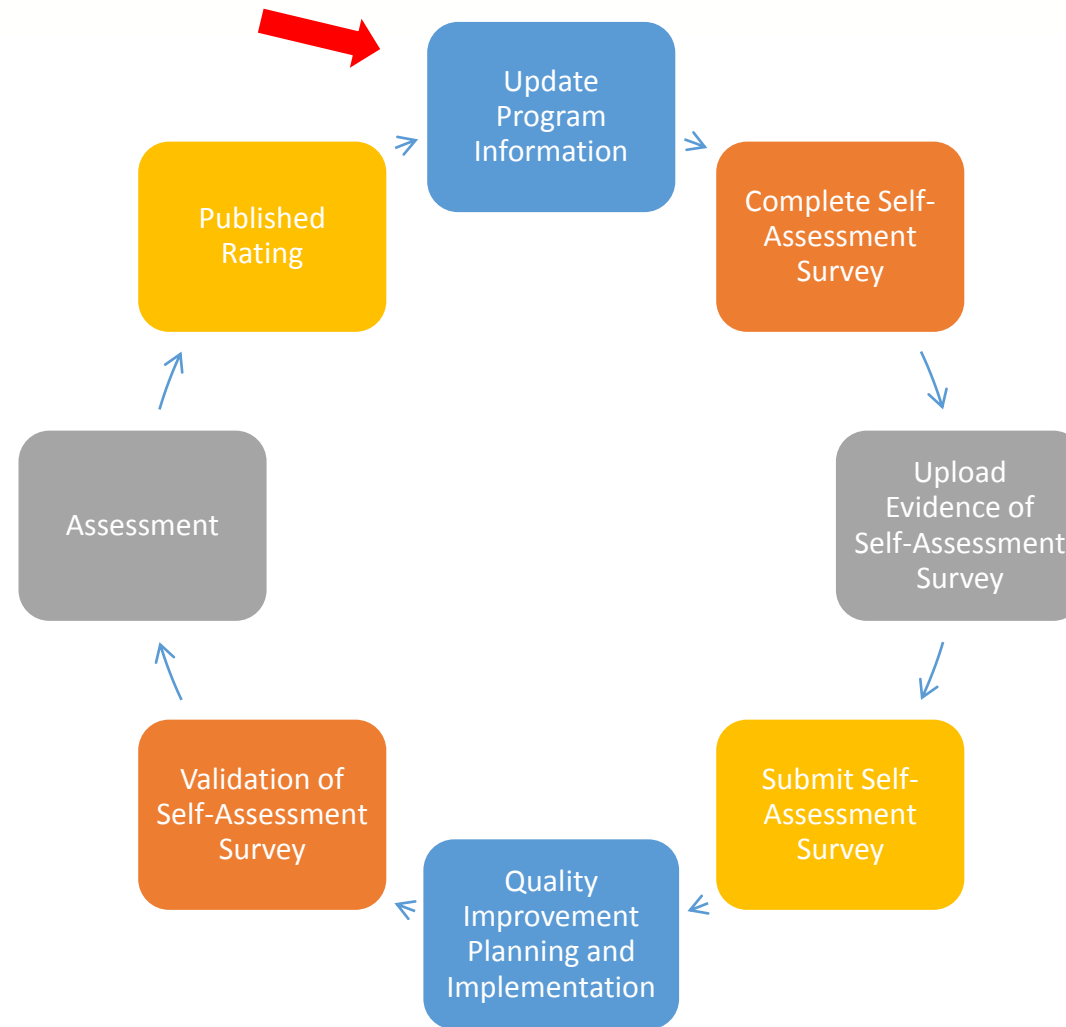
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Evaluation

Validation and Evaluation



Participating in Great Start to Quality



Great Start to Quality Regional Resource Centers

Resource Center Service Areas



10 Great Staff to Quality Resource Centers serving 11 Regions

Regional Implementation to Support Providers

- The Resource Centers provide access to comprehensive supports and services designed to improve quality across all early learning and development settings.
- These include:
 - workforce development opportunities,
 - consultation, coaching, and resources.

Great Start to Quality Website

The screenshot shows the Great Start to Quality website in a web browser. The browser's address bar displays <http://www.greatstarttoquality.org/>. The browser's menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Favorites, Tools, and Help. The browser's toolbar shows icons for back, forward, search, and other functions. The browser's tabs show several open pages, including "Financing Quality Rating a...", "google maps - Google Se...", "Great Start Great Start Co...", "Great Start To Quality Ov...", and "Home - Early Childhood I...".

The website's header features the Great Start to Quality logo, which includes a stylized figure of a person jumping and the text "Great Start to Quality" and "Improving the Quality of Early Learning and Care". To the right of the logo is a search bar with a "Go" button and a "SELECT LANGUAGE" dropdown menu. The dropdown menu shows "En español" and "بالغة العربية".

Below the header is a navigation bar with three tabs: "PARENTS", "PROVIDERS & EDUCATORS", and "COMMUNITY PARTNERS". The "PARENTS" tab is currently selected.

The main content area features a large photograph of a family (a woman, a young child, and a man) standing in front of a wooden play structure. To the right of the photograph is a text box that reads: "Great Start to Quality helps families - who are the biggest investors in child care and preschool - spend wisely. [Learn More](#)".

Below the photograph and text box are three yellow buttons with green borders:

- Parents**
Begin your free search for quality child care and preschool
- Providers & Educators**
Get Started
- Community Partners**
How to Get Involved

At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the text "Great Start to Quality helps parents find the best early learning" and the "greatstartCONNECT" logo.

Information for Parents and the Public



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Type: Registered Family Homes, Preschools
Email Us: branste1@yahoo.com
License ID: DF230287061

Licensed/Registered: 2008-12-05


Accepts Ages to: 5 years

Accepts Ages from: 1 year

Total Licensed Capacity: 6

Message to Families: I have been working with children for 18 years. Nine of which, have been in my home. I love the home setting and see benefits daily, of having multi-age children. I believe that children are capable and can be trusted to make choices, decisions, and are often able to work through conflicts on their own. I provide a rich enviornment that gives children plenty of areas to be successful and to learn through play. We also love playing outdoors in all types of weather. Mostly, we just love having fun.

Hours	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Open:	7:30 AM	7:30 AM	7:30 AM	7:30 AM	7:30 AM		
Close:	5:30 PM	5:30 PM	5:30 PM	5:30 PM	5:30 PM		

 Points/Possible	Staff Qualifications and Professional Development	Family and Community Partnerships	Administration and Management	Environment	Curriculum and Instruction
42/50	10/16	8/8	6/6	6/8	12/12

How Ratings are Being Used to Drive Quality

- Minimum 3 star quality rating for participation in GSRP
- Tiered Reimbursement for providers who care for subsidy children

How RTT Supports Increasing Quality

- \$51.7M awarded to:
 - Increase access for children with high needs to high-quality early learning programs
 - Increase opportunities for licensed, registered and unlicensed subsidized providers to improve the quality of their programs
 - Ensure that many more families understand and are meaningfully engaged in their children's early learning and development

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